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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 14 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme US Publication 20030182052.

As per claim 1, DeLorme teaches a method of digitally managing a project using a digital application program, comprising:

Viewing content that was searched on databases and delivered to a primary display screen of said digital application program; (paragraph 0076; Identifying location by name or zip is searching)

Organizing a secondary display screen of said digital application program for presentation of said content to at least one participant; (paragraph 0074; Map is a presentation)

Allowing access to said secondary display screen for automated review of said content by said at least one participant within said secondary display screen; (paragraph 0017; Preview is a secondary display) and

Processing a selected set of said content for image processing. (paragraph 0074;
Displaying the map is image processing).

As per claim 2, DeLorme teaches a method as recited in claim 1. DeLorme further teaches where said process of viewing content within said primary screen initiates a view-display with several thumbnails of contents per screen;

Selecting content within said viewer-display enables viewing of said content on a larger scale within a content viewing field; (paragraph 0074; figure 1B, item 134)

Selecting a content within said content-viewing field further enlarges said selected content for a more detailed view. (paragraph 0074)

As per claim 3, DeLorme teaches a method of claim 2. DeLorme further teaches where said process of viewing content further comprises selecting information available on said primary display screen, related to said content for a more detailed review of said content. (paragraph 0074; figure 1B, item 133).

As per claim 4, DeLorme teaches a method of claim 3. DeLorme further teaches where said information comprises of a plurality of jurisdictional or jurisdictional ordinance requirements, contract information, maps, and driving directions related to said viewed content. (paragraph 0099; figure 1B, item 133)

As per claim 5, DeLorme teaches a method of claim 1. DeLorme further teaches where said process of organizing said secondary display screen further comprises adding comments related to said content. (paragraph 0188)

As per claim 6, DeLorme teaches a method of claim 5. DeLorme further teaches where said process of organizing said content within said secondary display screen further comprises:

selecting and organizing of content for presentation; (figure 1L, item 156; paragraph 0079)

Selecting preferences for said at least one participant for selective distribution and viewing of said organizing content by said at least one participant based on selected preference. (paragraph 0246)

As per claim 8, DeLorme teaches a method of claim 1. Delorme further teaches where said viewed content on said primary screen was searched on a relational database system by consultants, and forward to said primary screen. (paragraph, 248, Examiner considers sales and real estate agents to be consultants)

As per claim 9, Delorme teaches a method of claim 1. Delorme further teaches where said viewed content on said primary screen was searched on a relational database system by users, and automatically forwarded to said primary screen. (paragraph 0076)

As per claim 12, Delorme teaches a method of claim 1. Delorme further teaches where location scouts perform said viewing and organizing processes. (paragraph 0076)

As per claim 13, Delorme teaches a method of claim 1. Delorme further teaches where said content is related to information regarding location and images of said locations. (paragraph 0076)

As per claim 14, Delorme teaches a location scouting method for locating a site, comprising:

Placing search orders for searches on a relational database systems having contents related to locations. (paragraph 0076)

Searching said relational database systems based on said search orders and forwarding said search results to a primary display screen of a digital application program. (paragraph 0078)

Viewing said forwarded contents from said search results on said primary display screen of said digital application program; (paragraph 0078)

Organizing a secondary display screen of said digital application program for presentation of said content at least one participant; (paragraph 0080-0081)

Allowing access to said secondary display screen for automated review of said content by said at least one participant within said secondary display screen; (paragraph 0080-0081) and

Processing a selected set of said content for image processing. (paragraph 0080-0081)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7 and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLorme US Application 2003/0182052 in view of DeLorme US Patent 5,948,040 (hereafter this reference would be referred to as DeLorme II).

As per claim 7, DeLorme teaches a method of claim 6, DeLorme fails to teach further teaches where said process of allowing access to said secondary display screen further comprises

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automatically generating and forwarding authorized access credential authentication information to said participants, enabling them access to said secondary screen.

However, Dellorme II teaches where said process of allowing access to said secondary display screen further comprises automatically generating and forwarding authorized access credential authentication information to said participants, enabling them access to said secondary screen. (column 37, lines 1-25)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include DeLorme II's teaching with method of DeLorme in order to allow users to store and update their trip plans.

As per claim 10, Delorme teaches the method of claim 1. Delorme fails to teach where said digital application program is a web-based application accessed through a universal resource locator.

Nakano teaches where said digital application program is a web-based application accessed through a universal resource locator.(column 4, lines 25-30)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Nakano's teaching with method of DeLorme in order to provide users with access on the web.

As per claim 11, Delorme teaches the method of claim 1. Delorme fails to teach where said digital application program is a web based application accessed by users through their own web-sites.

Nakano teaches where said digital application program is a web based application accessed by users through their own web-sites.(column 4, lines 25-30)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Nakano's teaching with method of DeLorme in order to provide users with access on the web.

Conclusion

The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to Web projects:

Nakano US Patent 6,957,250: Map-information providing system using computer network.

DeLorme US Patent 5,848,373: Computer Aided Map Location System.

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peng Ke whose telephone number is (571) 272-4062. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and Alternate Fridays 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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